

child may even unconsciously meet this demand of the Lord Jesus, and, almost from earliest consciousness, yielding its childhood to Christ as Lord and Master, grow up in Christ. Rightly asks, 'What authority have you from the Scriptures to tell your child, or by any sign to show him that you do not expect him truly to live and obey God until he has spent whole years in hatred and wrong?' Nay, seek to turn the child Godward at the earliest moment, and so forstall and prevent the years of inundating wrong."

The Answer to our Prayers

Lutheran Observer.

How deeply rooted must unbelief be in our hearts when we are surprised to find our prayers answered, instead of feeling sure they will be so, if they are only offered up in faith, and are in accord with the will of God.

Heaven Not Far Away

In His Steps

The Bible warrants us in the belief that there is a heavenly place somewhere in the universe, and that the saints shall be gathered home to that better land. We know not where it is, we have little idea what it is. Giving reign to imagination, we sometimes fancy we can see it far away. We picture to ourselves its glories, its inhabitants, its happiness,

"That beautiful land in my visions and dreams,
Its bright jasper walls I can see,
Till I fancy but thinly the veil intervenes,
Between that fair city and me."

But this is not the only heaven. Heaven is not far away. We need not wait till after death to enter on the enjoyment of the heavenly life. The heavenly world may be far away, but the heavenly life is the chief thing. What shall we find in heaven that we may not enjoy now? Is there peace in heaven? "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds." Is there joy in heaven? "Ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." Is there righteousness in heaven? "The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Is there love in heaven? "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." Is Christ in heaven? "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith."

If one whose heart is full of selfishness, envy, malice, and sin should be transported to that heavenly world for which we wait, it would not be a heavenly place to him. He would be no happier there than he is here. Before we go to heaven heaven must come to us. We cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven until the kingdom of heaven shall enter into us. We have heard men sing:

"Is my name written there,
On the page white and fair,
In the book of Thy kingdom,
Is my name written there?"

The best answer to that question is found in the heart. If the name of Christ is written in my heart, then my name is written in

the book of His kingdom. If He sits on the throne of my heart, I am prepared to sit on the throne of His glory. If His kingdom is established within me, then I am made meet to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Consecrated Substance

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There is no faithful Christian man who keeps an unconverted pocketbook. God's universal law of unselfish service is as supreme in the domain of material possessions—in the realm of that wealth which extends a man's power "to bring things to pass"—as it is in any other department of man's possible efforts. The unvarying law of God, which attaches an obligation to every opportunity and places a duty over against every right, makes no exception of wealth, with its vast powers of service. God has so ordered the social life of our race that no man can make the most of his powers of mind and heart and will until he employs those powers in the service of his fellow-men. This is an accepted law in the realm of mind and spirit. It is no less binding upon the power which wealth places at a man's disposal. No one has the slightest right to say of his wealth, "It is mine; I may use it selfishly if I will." No man has arrived at a true conception of the responsibility that attaches to the possession of property until his relations thru it to his fellow-men fill a larger place in his views of life than does his ability by his wealth to serve his own selfish ends. No man is free to make an option as to whether he or his property shall come under God's law of service. He and his property are necessarily under that law, as he is, of necessity, a member of society and of the State without his leave being asked. In the use of his property, as of all his other powers, he owes steady allegiance to that law of service; and tho in managing his property he may disregard this obligation, he can never escape it.

Thanksgiving

For the lifting up of mountains,
In brightness and in dread;
For the peaks where snow and sunshine
Alone have dared to tread;
For the dark of silent gorges,
Where mighty cedars nod;
For the majesty of mountains
I thank thee, O my God!

—Lucy Larcom.

The Mission Field

Chicago Mission

Last week I ran over to Astoria and baptized one precious soul and received another in to the fold by relation. Others there are at this point who are near the kingdom, and a good revival meeting of several weeks at Astoria will certainly be blessed of the Lord. I always enjoy meeting with those faithful members at Astoria.

Our work here in the city is prospering, and the Sunday-school is especially encouraging, both in interest and attendance. Our Wednesday night meetings are especially interesting, and new faces that appear express interest in the study of the Word.

The little boy of Mrs. Esseman who is a recent worshiper with us, met with a very sad accident last Sunday, falling from the roof in the rear of the flat in which they live, and the doctors said dislocated his neck; he was placed in a plaster-cast and is now doing very nicely, and hope is entertained of his recovery. He is a very bright little fel-

low, five years old. It is said that he has one chance in ten of recovery. His parents and family were very much alarmed. They conduct a grocery store and meat market near by and the mother is very much interested in our missionary work. May the Lord spare them their darling.

A sister at Goshen, Ind., writes us asking if we are still in the mission in Chicago, and if we can use some childrens' clothing as she has some to send. We answer yes, we can always use childrens' clothing, and will be thankful for them. We know of some poor children who can not come out to Sunday-school for want of warmer clothes since the cold weather set in.

Sister Ulery has returned from her visit to Ohio, and is again one of us. The infant class in the Sunday school has grown so that we had to make more room for them. Brother McColoster teaches this class and has more than thirty enrolled. They have the library room in the rear of the mission, and to make room for them I have moved the library upstairs and given them the entire room. Their teacher instructs them from a chart, picture roll, and will soon have a black-board.

At present our city is stirred over scandal in the civil service department of the police force. Money loan-sharks and public officers are or have been in connivance in a systematic robbery of salaried employees of city and county. Verily, the dollar is the god at whose shrine the masses and politicians are bowing.

We feel to thank those brethren and churches who have recently come to our assistance financially, and also for the encouraging letters which are a balm. We acknowledge receipt of money from Milledgeville, Ill., Auburn, Ill., Sister Frants, Kan.; Brother Summers, Mo.; Brother Harvery, Chicago; church, Mexico, Ind.; church, Falls City, Neb.; a friend, Chicago, (dropped into our mail box,) all of which will be duly acknowledged by our secretary, Brother Cassel, in his next report as it reached us too late to be placed in his last report.

We will hold a missionary Thanksgiving service in the Mission Thursday evening. Pray for us.

We feel deep sympathy for the brethren of Indiana who are in the grip of typhus fever, and have prayed that the Lord may speedily heal them for their services are sorely needed. Now as to the missionary outlook. Brethren, it is just what we make it. It is our duty to preach missions, pray for missions and for our missionaries. Why can not there be held a great number of Missionary Conventions thru-out the brotherhood? No one can offer a logical argument against missions and claim membership in a Christian church. The church is the result of missionary effort on the part of some one. Alas, as is too often, that effort was made by one or two sanctified souls at great sacrifice; how great their brethren may never know in